IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A data management system for managing data by appending meta data for a data search to managed data, said system comprising:

means for accepting a user's selection of the managed data to which the meta data is to be appended;

means for accepting [[the]] a user's selection of the types a type of contents content of the managed data;

means for displaying on a screen of a display device a group of candidates of meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with each type of content of the managed data;

means for changing a display of a group of candidates of meta data to be provided according to in response to a change of the selected type of content of the managed data selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;

means for accepting [[the]] a user's selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided group of candidates of the meta data; and

means for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for accepting an input of a search condition used to search for the managed data; and

means for searching for the managed data associated with the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein said means for accepting the user's selection of the managed data accepts includes means for accepting a selection of at least a portion of the managed data to identify sub-data, and said saving means [[saves]] includes means for saving the sub-data and the meta data in association with each other.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A system according to claim 3, wherein the managed data is moving image data, and the sub-data is frame image data which forms the moving image data.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein the types of contents content of the managed data to be managed are defined for respective events in everyday life.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A system according to claim 5, wherein said means for accepting the user's selection of the types a type of contents content of the

managed data ~~accepts~~ <u>includes means for accepting</u> a selection of the event, and said means

for changing <u>a display of a group of</u> candidates of meta data ~~changes~~ <u>includes means for</u>

<u>changing the group of</u> the candidates of meta data to be provided according to the selected

event.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A system according to claim 1, wherein the

managed data is data of an image, and

said system further comprises means for displaying the image

associated with the selected managed data and the candidates of meta data together.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A system according to claim 1, wherein the

managed data is at least one of image data and audio data, [[or]] <u>and</u> a combination thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A data management method for managing

data by appending meta data for a data search to managed data, said method comprising the

steps of:

accepting a user's selection of the <u>managed</u> data <u>to</u> which the meta

data is to be appended;

accepting [[the]] <u>a</u> user's selection of ~~the types~~ <u>a type</u> of ~~contents~~

<u>content</u> of the managed data;

<u>displaying on a screen of a display device a group of candidates of</u>

<u>meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with</u>

<u>each type of content of the managed data;</u>

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changing a display of candidates of meta data to be provided ~~according to~~ in response to a change of the selected type of content of the managed data ~~selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed~~;

accepting [[the]] a user's selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided groups of candidates of the meta data; and

saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A program, executing a data management method for managing data by appending meta data for a data search to managed data, for making a computer function, said program comprising:

[[means]] code for accepting a user's selection of the managed data to which the meta data is to be appended;

[[means]] code for accepting [[the]] a user's selection of ~~the types~~ a type of ~~contents~~ content of the managed data;

code for displaying on a screen of a display device a group of candidates of meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with each type of content of the managed data;

[[means]] code for changing a display of a group of candidates of meta data to be provided ~~according to~~ in response to a change of the selected type of content of the managed data ~~selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta~~

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data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;

[[means]] code for accepting [[the]] a user's selection of meta data to be appended to the selected data from the provided group of candidates of the meta data; and

[[means]] code for saving the selected data and the selected meta data in association with each other.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A system according to claim 2, further comprising means for partially providing contents of the managed data found by the search performed by said searching means.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A system according to claim 11, further comprising:

means for accepting a user's selection of data that provides contents thereof from the managed data found by the search;

means for acquiring another other data associated with the selected data; and

providing means for providing contents of the selected data and the other acquired data.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A system according to claim 12, wherein the managed data is data of a moving image, and

wherein said providing means provides <u>contents of the selected data</u>

<u>and the other acquired data</u> by displaying a series of moving images consisting of a moving

image of the selected data and a moving image of the other acquired data.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A system according to claim 11, wherein the

managed data is at least one of image data and audio data, [[or]] <u>and</u> a combination thereof.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method according to claim 9, further

comprising the steps of:

accepting <u>an</u> input of a search condition used to search for the

managed data;

searching for the managed data associated with the search condition

on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

partially providing contents of the managed data found by <u>the</u> search

<u>performed in said searching step</u>.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A program according to claim 10, further

comprising:

[[means]] <u>code</u> for accepting <u>an</u> input of a search condition used to

search for the managed data;

[[means]] <u>code</u> for searching for the managed data associated with

the search condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

[[means]] <u>code</u> for partially providing contents of the managed data found by <u>the</u> search <u>performed by said search code</u>.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A data management system for managing data by appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, <u>said system</u> comprising:

means for accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the data to be managed;

<u>means for providing a screen of a display device with a group of candidates of meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with each type of content of the data to be managed;</u>

means for changing <u>a display of a group of</u> candidates of meta data to be provided ~~according to~~ <u>in response to a change of</u> the <u>selected</u> type <u>of content of the data to be managed</u> ~~selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed~~;

means for accepting [[the]] <u>a</u> user's selection of meta data from the provided <u>group of</u> candidates of <u>the</u> meta data;

means for inputting the data to be managed to which the selected meta data is appended after the user's selection of meta data; and

means for saving the selected meta data and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): A system according to claim 17, further

comprising:

means for accepting input of a search condition used to search for

the managed data;

means for searching for the managed data associated with the search

condition on the basis of the input search condition and the meta data; and

means for partially providing contents of the managed data found by

the search performed by said searching means.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A data management method for managing

data by appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, said method

comprising the steps of:

accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the data to be

managed;

displaying on a screen of a display device a group of candidates of

meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with

each type of content of the data to be managed;

changing a display of candidates of meta data to be provided

according to in response to a change of the selected type of the content of the data to be

managed selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in

advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;

accepting [[the]] a user's selection of meta data from the provided

group of candidates of the meta data;

inputting the data to be managed to which the selected meta data is appended after the user's selection of meta data; and

saving the selected meta data and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A program, executing a data management method for managing data by appending meta data for a data search to data to be managed, for making a computer function, said program comprising:

[[means]] code for accepting a user's selection of the types of contents of the data to be managed;

code for displaying on a screen of a display device a group of candidates of meta data, each group of candidates being prepared in advance in correspondence with each type of content of the data to be managed;

[[means]] code for changing a display of a group of candidates of meta data to be provided according to in response to a change of the selected type of content of the data to be managed selected by the user, the candidates to be appended as meta data being prepared in advance in correspondence with the types of contents of data to be managed;

[[means]] code for accepting [[the]] a user's selection of meta data from the provided group of candidates of the meta data;

[[means]] code for inputting the data to be managed to which the selected meta data is appended after the user's selection of meta data; and

[[means]] <u>code</u> for saving the selected meta data and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A system according to claim 17, wherein said means for accepting the user's selection of meta data ~~accepts~~ <u>includes means for accepting</u> a plurality of meta data, and said means for saving the selected meta data and the input data [[saves]] <u>includes means for saving the</u> meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method according to claim 19, wherein said step of accepting the user's selection of meta data ~~accepts~~ <u>includes accepting</u> a plurality of meta data, and said step of saving the selected meta data and the input data [[saves]] <u>includes saving the</u> meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A program according to claim 20, wherein said [[means]] <u>code</u> for accepting the user's selection of meta data ~~accepts~~ <u>includes code for accepting</u> a plurality of meta data, and said [[means]] <u>code</u> for saving the selected meta data and the input data [[saves]] <u>includes code for saving the</u> meta data selected among the plurality of meta data by the user after the data to be managed are inputted and the input data as managed data in association with each other.